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Dear Sirs:

Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
United States Patent Application No. 09/402,488
Filed: February 16, 2000
Title: Method For Cleavage of Fusion Proteins
Inventors: Maurice Moloney, Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen
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Examiner: D. Steadman

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated May 18, 2001. Applicants are simultaneously filing herewith a petition for a one month extension of time rendering the due date for reply September 18, 2001.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please insert the Abstract enclosed herewith into the application.

In the Disclosure:

On page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following:

-This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) from U.S. provisional application No. 60/044,254 filed April 25, 1997, now abandoned, which is incorporated herein by reference.-

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